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**NAVAL RESERVE**

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**FIRST DAY WAS**  
**Tents Have Failed**  
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**cal Joke**  
**Brunswick, Ga., J**

first annual encampment. The Naval battalion is now opened this morning at Passiac in St. Simons and twenty men from Brunswick and Savannah were on deck at noon.

This morning both Wick's reserves and Savannah's division. They formed for marching

The gunboat Wilkes returned to St. Simons and a pilot about five hundred Passaic. The reservists Passaic and stacked read that the division for camp duty at the wards changed pen-

Lieutenant Goldin  
joke on the boys  
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them to pump the  
peller well, and fire  
men fell on the p  
worked for a long

Assistant quartermaster, Lewis Keran corded a place on the ship. This afternoon's visit augmented by all the reserves, were transported and spent several

The Savannah boys by Brunswick and stringing hammock night in lieu of ab serves are in high work. When they

**LOCKE GIVES**  
**Retired Wholesale**  
**Disposes**  
**New York, July**  
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No mention of a is provided that is the great property not to any relative

Mr. Pringle was  
ner with Mr. Lock  
in Cincinnati.

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Macon, Ga., Ju  
Lockett has filed  
railroad for 7,000

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## MITTEE FINDS WORK TO DO

Committee Will Be Busy for  
Least Another Month.

It is not yet in sight  
of the Treasurer, Secretary  
and University To Be Investigated.

QUESTION GROWS INTERESTING  
To Collect Back Capitalization  
Has Created a Wild Speculation  
Throughout State.

Review with Chairman Blacklock  
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## IMPORTANT MOVE IN SILVER'S INTEREST

Joint Proposal of the United States and  
France To England.

CONFERENCE HELD IN LONDON

All Nations Interested Represented by  
Distinguished Men.

BRITISH CABINET RECEIVES PROPOSALS

Will Consider Them—International  
Conference Will Be Called—Will  
Probably Meet in America.

London, July 15.—A joint proposal  
of the United States and France to  
hold a conference on the silver  
question was presented today on  
behalf of the United States and France  
to a conference held at the foreign office  
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## JUDGE HARDEMAN PARALYZED

Well-Known Georgian Stricken Down  
as He Reaches New York.

TELEGRAMS COME TO MACON

Overwork Has Prostrated One of the  
Most Prominent Men of the  
State.

Macon, Ga., July 15.—(Special.)—A  
telegram received in Macon this evening  
from New York stated that Judge John L.  
Hardeman, of Macon, was getting off a  
steamer today in New York he was stricken  
down with paralysis.

The extent of the stroke is not fully  
known. Judge Hardeman has been in bad health  
for some time, caused by overwork, all the  
burden of the law practice of his firm having  
fallen upon him for several months during  
the illness of his partner, Judge John L.  
Hall, who is still too ill to attend to  
business.

Judge Hardeman was advised by his  
physician to go to New York and probably to  
England for rest and treatment. He left a  
few days ago with his wife for New York.

Judge Hardeman is one of the state's  
ablest lawyers and most prominent citizens. He  
is a son of the late Thomas Hardeman, for  
twenty years he was solicitor general for  
the state.

He was the author of the act creating  
the Macon superior court circuit, which  
position he resigned to resume the  
practice of law, and formed a partnership  
with Judge John L. Hall, ex-senator.

United States attorney Judge Hardeman  
has also represented Bibb in the legislature.

When the telegram was received  
this evening, it was formally  
announced that Judge Hardeman was  
stricken down with paralysis.

According to today's report, England's  
participation would mean India's and there  
is a prospect of some concessions as to  
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All the delegates will be uninterested  
with regard to the ratio, although it is  
said to have been reflected upon the method  
of the United States and France 15 to 1.

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## WILL OPERATORS SIGN AGREEMENT

Arbitration Commissioners Satisfied With  
Progress Made.

BUT MINERS HAVE DOUBTS

DeArmitt's Proposition Was for Signa-  
ture of 95 Per Cent.

FOR TRUE UNIFORMITY IN ALL MINES

Strikers Think Small Operators Will  
Refuse To Sign and That the  
Whole Thing Is a Scheme.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 15.—This has been a  
day devoted to hard work on the part of  
joint arbitration commission in their  
efforts to secure true uniformity in this  
district as suggested by W. P. DeArmitt  
and all express themselves as well satisfied  
with the progress made.

Two of the largest operators in the  
district, W. P. DeArmitt and Francis L. Rob-  
bins, have consented to head the list of  
the commission's list of operators who  
will soon fall in line.

It is claimed by the miners' officials  
however, that the understanding was that  
the agreement meant 85 per cent of the  
output of the district, and it is not  
said to mean 95 per cent of the operators.  
They say that it will be absolutely impos-  
sible to get 95 per cent of the operators, as  
there are a great many operators mining  
on a small scale. President Dolan said  
that while he would do all in his power to  
assist the commission in securing the  
signatures of the operators to the agree-  
ment, he thought the proposition was a  
scheme of President DeArmitt to keep  
his men at work and prolong the strike.

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## TONY PASSNAGERS IN PAROL WAGON

Mrs. Nellie Patterson and a Young Girl  
Are Arrested.

AN OLD SENSATION RECALLED

Mrs. Patterson's Husband Cut Her  
Throat in Grant Park.

She Is Very Injudicious AT THE ARREST

Police Officers Make a Serious Charge  
Against the Two Women—Were  
Very Stylishly Dressed.

A very elegantly dressed woman rode  
the police barracks last night in the patrol  
wagon, and she was accompanied by a  
young girl about eighteen years of age who  
was also much better dressed than the  
patrol wagon.

The woman was Mrs. Nellie Patterson,  
who figured in a sensation at Grant park  
a few years ago, when her husband cut  
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Last night about a quarter past 9 o'clock  
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## FORTUNES IN GOLD DOG PUP BY MRS.

Richest Find the World Has Ever Known  
Made in Alaska.

Immense Quantity of Yellow Metal  
Taken Out in the Northwest.

THE SUPPLY SEEMS TO BE INEXHAUSTIBLE

Claims Yield Workers Great Value in  
a Few Days and People Are  
Rushing to the Fields.

San Francisco, July 15.—The Associated  
Press has received a letter from H. A.  
Stanley, president of the Binghamton, N.  
Y., Evening Herald Company, telling of the  
wonderful gold discoveries of Alaska.  
Mr. Stanley wrote from St. Michaels, Alaska,  
where he stopped on his way to the Yukon  
mining region,



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## The Improvement of Whitehall.

We publish elsewhere a telegram received yesterday from Mayor Collier in reply to a telegram sent to him at Asheville by The Constitution Wednesday afternoon. As will be seen, the telegram somewhat modifies the apparent opposition of the mayor to the proposition to improve Whitehall street, though it does not present him in the friendly attitude that the people of that part of the city had the right to expect from him. The Constitution would not do injustice to Mayor Collier, and we hope that, on his return to the city, personal investigation will satisfy him of the merit of the effort to improve Whitehall street.

If there is a street in the city of Atlanta which needs the attention of the city, it is Whitehall. Forming, as it does, the main artery into which lead several prominent streets from the center of the city, and into which passes at its western terminus the traffic of more country roads than into any street in the city, it is, between the junction of Forsyth street and the railroad crossing at West End, one of the most used thoroughfares of the city. Improvement is required for only the few blocks which form the link between the Forsyth street junction and the street road paving in West End. The proposed improvement will benefit not only every piece of property on Whitehall street, but all real estate valuations in the western part of the city, which, unfortunately, has been sacrificed to the more liberal expenditures which have been made on the other side of the city.

The property owners of Whitehall street, and of all that part of the city, have determined to endeavor to make the effort to improve the street as it should be, and they are willing to demonstrate their selfishness in a practical way. It is the duty of the city to meet half-way, and if this council does not do it, another one will. We believe, however, that the present city council will take a reasonable view of the matter, and that the effort of the citizens of Whitehall street will receive due consideration.

If Washington street needs repaving, Whitehall street needs it a thousand times more. The residents of Whitehall street would willingly exchange their pavement with that now on Washington street; and if Whitehall street today had as good paving as Washington street, its residents would be much better satisfied than with that they have.

The discussion of the question has called public attention to the necessity for an improvement which is certain to be made sooner or later, and which we hope will be undertaken with as little delay as possible.

## The Diaz Remedy.

In the suppression of "moonshining" in the United States, a valuable lesson might be learned from President Diaz, of the Mexican republic.

When the wave of revolution lifted General Diaz into the presidential chair he found the country, as it had been ever since Spanish evacuation, in the hands of bandits—gentlemen of the road—who were all politeness to the pedestrians whom they were robbing. So punctilious were these freebooters that they had been known to withdraw from scenes of plunder when they learned of the presence of ladies, lifting their beaver shaped sombreros and begging pardon of the señoras with all the grace of an elegant. What should be done with these people? While it was true that they had helped General Diaz into power, they were just as ready to do the same service for the next dashing general who came along.

A happy idea solved the problem. The country needed men corresponding to our deputy marshals and collectors, as well as bailiffs and sheriffs for local courts. The bandits were undoubtedly courageous, and might be converted into reasonably good citizens if they could be induced to give their allegiance to the government. Accordingly, the corps of officials rurales was organized, and every noted brigand in the country was given a place and a gaudy uniform. These men, in turn, were too well known to the lesser fry of the bandits to be resisted, and the result today is that bri-

grandage is a thing of the past in Mexico. For years we have had with us the illicit liquor manufacturer. The government has spent millions in the effort to suppress him, and the bloodshed, treason and petty attendant form a dark chapter in history. It is safe to say, however, that of the thousands who are engaged in illicit distilling, the leaders or king-bees do not number over one or two hundred. If these men could be cured to enforce the law as against the rest, there would soon be an end of the business. It is a pity that one cannot adopt the Mexican plan of appointing these men as deputy marshals and collectors, and thus strike a most effective blow against a great evil.

## Dissolution of Populism.

That was a most remarkable statement printed in yesterday's Constitution, from the pen of Hon. Thomas E. Watson, in which he said:

In the breaking up of the people's party which Mr. Butler has done so much to bring about, many other old-time republicans and party men will be repulsed. If we cannot arrest the falling to pieces of our party, those who were once democrats will be democrats again, and those who were once republicans will be republicans again. Fusion is dissolving populism back into its original elements.

In speaking of "the breaking up of the people's party" Mr. Watson alludes to it as an accomplished fact, and one which, if not entirely plain to him, is so to the disinterested observer, who can judge of passing events without prejudice.

The desire for fusion which grew so strong as to force itself upon the populist convention in St. Louis, was but the development of a feeling that men are naturally ranged under two flags—the masses and the classes. There will be at all times a party representing what may be called special and artificial interests which seek to profit at the expense of the masses. There will be another party devoted to popular rights, and opposed to the creation of special exemption and the protection of special interests at the sacrifice of the welfare of the masses. The former class is always consolidated and hold well together, while the latter often divides into many camps and is only brought together in the face of great emergency. Such a crisis confronted the populist convention in St. Louis, when the delegates found the classes arrayed under McKinley and the masses under Bryan. Mr. Watson is entirely right when he says that no party should exist for the mere purpose of voting men into office, but, unfortunately, it is only by voting for men that a change of bad laws can be effected. Therefore in endorsing Mr. Bryan the populist convention was only true to its own principles in adopting the people's cause as against that of the gold standard and a protective tariff.

The crisis thus outlined still exists, and will continue to exist until the people have forced their will into law. The democratic party has ever been the party of home rule, of economical government and of all the policies which build up the home and the country. But parties cannot resist the popular impulse to stand upon the one side or the other, and, as Mr. Watson says, "those who were once democrats will be democrats again, and those who were republicans will be republicans again." The cause of the people, in its entirety, has been taken up by the democratic party, and the cause of the favored classes, the selected few, has been adopted by the republicans. This division is now more sharply defined since the smoke has cleared away from the field of battle of 1896, and no power on earth can keep the people from aligning themselves for the campaign of 1900.

The Constitution takes no part in the talk which would belittle the character or the importance of Hon. Thomas E. Watson. He is a Georgian of brilliant attainments, so prominent as to have once headed the democratic electoral ticket of the state, and he made a mistake in leaving the democratic party. In the advocacy of his opinions he has been strong and outspoken, and to his credit let it be said when others traded their political convictions for office and went back upon the very principles they had previously advocated, Mr. Watson, who might have done the same thing with equal profit, refused to do so, and stood honorably by his principles. Such a man is entitled to respect.

In the dissolving of parties back into original elements—in which democracy stands for the people and republicanism for the greed of specially favored interests—Mr. Watson should lead the way, and taking the place to which his ability and integrity entitle him, help in bringing about that condition of things which will send blessing and hope into every American family. He should return to the democratic party.

But no matter what the leaders may do, the leaven is at work, and the revolution which brought together over 6,500,000 voters in 1896 will sweep the field next year, and in 1900.

Just stick a pin there!

## Governor Bob Taylor.

We observe that an attributions republican newspaper expresses the fear that Governor Bob Taylor will be sent to the senate. "He has fiddled his way to the governorship," it says, "but we hope he will not fiddle his way into a body as dignified as the senate."

Now, The Constitution and all who know Bob Taylor hope and believe that he will be successful in his senatorial aspirations, if he has any. There is altogether too much dignity of a question-able sort in the senate. It is a wholly false and deceitful sort of dignity which the friends of Governor Bob Taylor hope he will always be a stranger to.

Our contemporary is mistaken in saying that Governor Bob Taylor "fiddled his way to the governorship." He was made governor by reason of his great personal popularity, and this popularity is based on the fact that in him are combined some of the rarest and most attractive qualities which providence has endowed man's nature. He is a humorist with all that the term implies, and it is a part of his destiny to make life more endurable for those who lack his rich gifts. He is a lover of his kind, and his genius bids him to live next door to the humanities.

He is all this and something more besides. He is a man of affairs and possesses large executive ability. And yet

he is no politician in the narrow sense. He is a friend of the people, and, therefore, a democrat, and the senate of the United States would be all the better for his presence and his example. His rich nature would illumine the body, and his sterling honesty, his integrity and his devotion to the interests of the people might go far to confirm doubting or doubtful senators of the sugar trust variety in a possible desire to live upright and virtuous lives.

So, sincerely, therefore, that events will make Governor Bob Taylor a United States senator.

## "No Ordinary Convention."

Mr. Carlisle, of New York, was right when he declared in his speech before the assemblage of Kentucky bootbills, over which he presided, that "this is no ordinary political convention." It was, in fact, an extraordinary convention, called, first, for the purpose of vindicating the irreparable culmination of Mr. Carlisle's political record, and, second, for the purpose of giving respectability to an administration which has been overwhelmingly repudiated by the party it pretended to represent.

In both of these purposes the convention of booting agitators will be a dismal failure. There is no possible way by which Mr. Carlisle can retrieve his lost political character as a democrat or achieve a vindication at the hands of the democracy. There is no possible way in which the Cleveland administration can receive endorsement from men who believe that political honesty is a virtue.

Since congress has met, democratic leaders in both houses have publicly washed their hands and the hands of the party and cleared them of all taint of the Cleveland-Carlisle administration. So far as any effect it may have on the attitude of democratic voters is concerned, the resolution endorsing the Cleveland administration and Carlisle, and pledging the bolters to "renewed and unceasing efforts to embody" the "principles" represented by Cleveland and Carlisle in the national policy, may as well have been stuffed up a chimney.

The resolution is in the nature of an endorsement of the robbery of the people by the bond-forcers, an endorsement of the secret and midnight bond deals, and a pledge that these irresponsible political bootbills of Kentucky are anxious to see robbery of the people by the bond syndicates become a part of the national policy.

If Mr. Carlisle, now of New York, is to be vindicated, this endorsement of the raids on the treasury, and all the bond infamies in which he bore so conspicuous a part, becomes a necessity. Let the people of Kentucky judge of the true character of this pledge on the part of the bootbills to give the people's treasury over to this infamous scheme of robbery and plunder.

The whole business has been properly and indignantly repudiated by the democratic voters of Kentucky, and they will bury it so deep this fall that the hand of resurrection will not be able to reach it. As in Kentucky, so in every other democratic state where the issue is put to a test.

The people have discovered to their sorrow that an endorsement of the gold syndicate and of "sound" money means an endorsement of the single gold standard with all its fatal consequences, and that it involves the approval and a repetition of the bond infamies of the Cleveland-Carlisle administration. With these facts made plain, the democrats are anxious for the issue to be joined once more. They do not fear the result.

## A Republican Tribute.

Among those elements that opposed the election of Young Carter Harrison as the mayor of Chicago, none was more outspoken, vigorous and vindictive than The Times-Herald. It denominated the democratic candidate as the leader of the boodle gang, and predicted the sacrifice of the best interests of the city to those of the bootbills if the democrats were successful.

The people, however, were of a different mind. They do not attribute the change of sentiment in favor of the democracy in Ohio?

"There are several reasons for it. There has been a natural reaction of feeling since last year. Results are what people want from political victories nowadays. They pounded the Cleveland administration because there was a gain, and now they are punishing McKinley owing to the absence of the promised prosperity. The people are looking to results now more than they are to party principles."

Asked what effect the coinage question would have the ex-governor replied:

"The state of Ohio is for free silver today by a very considerable majority. In my judgment the state would have gone for Bryan last fall if the Chicago platform had declared simply for free silver in addition to the ordinary democratic doctrines."

That is a sufficient vindication of the plans and purposes of the democratic mayor of Chicago. He stands where Mr. Bryan stands—the party has elected by a landslide for the rights and interests of the people in federal, state and municipal affairs. Had the people not permitted themselves to be deceived by Hanna and other agents of the gold trust, Mr. Bryan's election to the presidency would have introduced a new atmosphere of honesty and patriotism in Washington. And before this time we should have seen the most conscientious republican editors paying a tribute to his administration as deserved as that which The Times-Herald pays to Carter Harrison, the able and patriotic democratic mayor of Chicago.

## Hanna's Prudence.

Amazing prudence is one of the lead- characteristics of Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio. A year ago when Mr. Hanna was trying fat among the protected barons and those who expected protection in the future, for the purpose of building up a corruption fund with which to aid in the election of Mr. McKinley, he was not altogether wise in his choice. What he secured a donation of a hundred or a thousand dollars, he put aside a tenth or a twentieth of it for rainy day. The money came in so plentifully, and so implicit was the confidence of its donors in the party government who was engaged in its collection that all trust was placed in his spending of it. He spread the cash around pretty promiscuously through the middle west, and yet with his accustomed prudence, he did not spend any more than was necessary.

Now Mr. Hanna is in the midst of a state election upon which his seat in the

senate depends, and the announcement is made that he has a million or so of the old corruption fund left over, which he proposes to apply to the purchase of members of the legislature who will vote for his election.

It may be news to those who contributed the fund that Hanna thought his presence in Washington equally important as that of McKinley, but it is a fact, nevertheless, and they will have the satisfaction of knowing that the prudent gentleman has kept over a few dollars for a bad day.

## Now for the Courts.

Mayor Huguley and the people of Barnesville are to be congratulated upon the promptness and conservatism with which they acted in the Oscar Williams case.

The crime of which this man is guilty had special features of brutality connected with it, such as to toll the blood of men, and nerve them to pursue the wretch in order that they might inflict dire punishment upon him. He kept ahead of his pursuers, however, and it was not until he reached Barnesville that he was identified and arrested, and he now rests in a secure jail in Macon to await trial.

Under a provocation which rouses men to swift punishment, they stood back and gave way to the law. Now, will the courts be equally as prompt? Will this case be delayed until witnesses are dead, or be changed in venue, continued, appealed to the state and United States courts half a dozen times, or will prompt justice be done?

The people will trust the courts, if the courts will bear in mind the interest of the people. There should be no delay, but a prompt trial and execution of the verdict.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Carlisle, of New York, is satisfied with his Kentucky vindication. He will find out what it means in the fall.

Mr. Carlisle, of New York, has one advantage over Mr. Watterson. He is not editing a newspaper in Kentucky.

As an opener of mills, Mr. McKinley is a distinct disappointment. Perhaps Mr. Hanna is to blame.

It now seems that even Mr. Hanna's miners were in a starving condition.

No doubt the Wolcott commission has seen the Baron Rothschild. The result, however, has not yet been reported in the newspapers.

If events speak for anything, Mr. Foraker is but a fragile flower in Ohio politics.

The suggestion of Henry McIntosh as a candidate for governor has caused some heart-burnings among the gold men in south Georgia. Of course, Henry McIntosh is a democrat.

Spain appears to be somewhat hampered by an over-supply of chivalry.

It is feared that the wily Japs will seize Hawaii and escape with it some night when the moon isn't shining.

## VICTORY IN OHIO.

Ex-Governor Campbell Believes the Democrats Are Sure To Win.

From The New York Journal.  
Ex-Governor James E. Campbell, of Ohio, was at the Fifth Avenue hotel last night, having come to Gotham to attend to some private business. In conversation with a reporter he predicted success for the democratic ticket in the coming fall election to be held in Ohio.

"I am absolutely confident that the democratic ticket will be successful this year," said he. "I believe the state is surely democratic."

"How about the legislature?" was asked. "I believe that we will not only carry our state ticket through, but we will have a majority in the legislature and send a democrat to the United States senate to succeed Senator Hanna."

"In that event who do you think will be the senator?"

"John R. McLean is the only candidate in the field at present."

"What do you attribute the change of sentiment in favor of the democracy in Ohio?"

"There are several reasons for it. There has been a natural reaction of feeling since last year. Results are what people want from political victories nowadays. They pounded the Cleveland administration because there was a gain, and now they are punishing McKinley owing to the absence of the promised prosperity. The people are looking to results now more than they are to party principles."

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## ODD PARAGRAPHS.

Governor Tanner, of Illinois, is to take a month's vacation in northern Minnesota while the executive mansion in Springfield is being repaired. During his absence Lieutenant Governor Norbeck will act in his stead.

Senator Matthew S. Quay, of Pennsylvania, has heretofore done his tarpon fishing in Florida, but this year, it is said, he will go to Rockport, Tex., for the sport. He is expected there with a party of friends early in July for a few weeks' stay.

It cost New Orleans \$171,000 to make its latest fight against the high water in the Mississippi river, as President Thoman, of the levee board, reports. Everything was done in a hurry at the last moment, but the expense was less than had been expected.

John W. Hendrie, of South Beach, Conn., has given \$15,000 worth of real estate near San Francisco to the San Francisco Mercantile Library Association in furtherance of its effort to pay off \$75,000 mortgage indebtedness. Mr. Hendrie formerly was in business in San Francisco, and has long been noted for his generosity.

Commencement week at Colorado college, Colorado Springs, was made particularly notable to the students and alumni by the laying of the cornerstone of Ticknor Hall, for the use of the girl students, the expense of building to be defrayed by gift of \$10,000 from some one who expects that his (or her) name shall not be made known.

## Prosperity Cometh Not.

From The Augusta, Ga., Tribune.  
The tariff bill is still in the land of uncertainty and doubt, and prosperity lingereth.

## JUST FROM GEORGIA.

Talkin' 'bout Jim Riley.  
(To Robert W. Geiger.)

Talkin' 'bout Jim Riley—I wish we had him here  
Where the mockin'birds make music  
twelve months in every year;  
Where the blooms are out in April in a  
red an' blue brigade;  
He'd sing us songs lots sweeter than the  
springtime ever made.

Talkin' 'bout Jim Riley—jest let him take the  
dells  
When the music twinkles, tinkles from the  
thrush's silver bells  
(For that's the way it sounds to me), an'  
in the light an' shade  
He'd make us sweeter music than the  
thrushes ever made.

Talkin' 'bout Jim Riley—jest let him ever  
light  
In a sweet old southern garden on a starry  
summer night.  
An' you'd listen with your sweetheart, an'  
over hill an' glade  
You'd hear a sweeter music than the whif-  
wills ever made.

Talkin' 'bout Jim Riley—how all the joy-  
bells ring!  
The summer's sweeter for his sake—he  
makes the winter sing;  
An' here or there—or anywhere, in sun-  
shine or in shade,  
He makes us sweeter music than the  
thrushes ever made.

—Frank L. Stanton.

Mr. Robert W. Geiger, general southern agent of the Pennsylvania line, has just returned from a visit to Indianapolis, where he was the guest of James Whitcomb Riley. He says Indianapolis is such a fine summer resort that Riley has postponed his southern visit until fall. This is a disappointment to his Atlanta friends and admirers, who had prepared a strawberry festival for him, with trimmings, and were looking forward with pleasure to his coming. Dr. Joseph Jacobs had even gone so far as to bespeak the Aragon for an especial banquet in Riley's honor. But now we shall not see our friend until "the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder in the shock."

Mister Good Times.  
Mister Good Times gone away—  
Left de country, he did;  
Try ter fin' out every day  
'Whar he livin' at!

Ever sence he gone;  
Everybody p'int, en say:  
'Little fuder on!

Good Lawd, help me bring him back!

A dime museum manager discovered a tree on which several men had been lynched. He offered the owner a good price for it, but the owner refused. "I don't care to sell it. It's the best tree in the neighborhood, and the vigilance committee isn't through with it yet."

In a vivid stretch of the imagination a magazine poet writes:  
"I sing of the sea—  
The fanned and free,  
The sea that washes the sky."  
The inference is it goes skyward in order to get washing-blue; and yet, "millions now use Pearline."

His Limited Information.  
A countryman who had lost his wife asked an editor to write her obituary. "Gentle and lovable, was she?" asked the editor.

"Well, tollable—cep'in when she wuz riled."  
"What was her age?"  
"She never did tell fer. All I know is, she wuz party lively fer her age."

"The Railroad Killed Him" is a headline in a daily exchange.  
Really, something should be done to restrain these railroads, when they rise from the roadbed and kill men like that. It's bad enough when the engines kill them.

An Alabama murderer addressed the following note to the governor:  
"I wish you would grant me a thirty-day respite. I am short on religion. I intend to get it last week, but was too busy."

The president shakes hands with many a poor fellow on Pennsylvania avenue—Washington exchange.  
"You know me under the impression he was giving the country the shake."

What's in the office save the honor of the thing? I never can make a living, and so can a governor—if he can get a job at splitting rails on the outside.

His Busy Day.  
A reporter asked permission to interview a condemned murderer.  
"Can't do it," replied the sheriff; "he's too busy."  
"What's he doing?" asked the reporter.  
"He's in the jail yard," replied the sheriff, "buildin' his gallows!"

"Ozone & Race" is the sign over a Kentucky undertaking establishment.  
Combs to the contrary, notwithstanding, that should be a good, healthy firm.

Yes, the office seeks the man, in Georgia, but he considers it nothing but courtesy to get up at daylight and meet it half-way.

A Georgia mule assaulted a government official and broke his leg. Things are getting worse with every pass when even the mules are kicking.

Overheard.  
"Mamma, pa's a brave man, ain't he?"  
"I hope so, my son."  
"Why, I know he is! I heard somebody say yesterday that he run a blind tiger."

Some prescriptions are fatal. A Georgia exchange says:  
"The doctor came and gave him some medicine and he died ten minutes after taking it."

This is a religious administration. It worships regularly once a week—Exchange.  
God, or gold?

Some of the New York preachers are calling for a liberal religion.  
Are collections falling short?

Colonel Ingersoll "won't take the platform with Rev. Lyman Abbott." In fact, he won't take anything with him.

Gubernatorial candidates are still coming out. Some of them will be out \$10 before the campaign is ended.

The people can't make money and the tariff tinkers can't make haste.

Who, with any fairness of mind, unbiased judgment and candor of heart can stay the feeling of admiration for such a man who has lived here among us and labored long and hard for the children of those who assailed him, and yet has offered no word in reply? There are few men who would not have resigned from that kind of man. It is hard to be a martyr and stand to the stake with hands bound, but thrice hard and thrice a hundred times more noble to stand to the stake with hands unbound and feet unchained.

Utopia, S. C., July 8, 1897.

## ECHOES FROM THE PEOPLE.

From a Whitehall Street Resident.

Editor Constitution—I am amazed at the attitude of Mayor Collier in rushing so hurriedly into opposition to the movement to improve Whitehall street. It would have at least been more dignified for him to have given the people of the street an opportunity to be heard from, and the city council time to have acted before seeking to discredit and disparage the movement.

I am not less amazed at the statement of Councilman Peters, of the sixth ward, published this afternoon, that he "don't see the necessity of making any street any wider anyhow." Mr. Peters thinks it is wide enough and that it is impossible "to get the consent of the people to widen the street." "The city," says Mr. Peters, "has got all it can carry now," and he thinks it well to let the matter drop.

Now Mr. Peters should know that the city would be much more able to make improvements on the other side of town from which he lives, if it had been less lavish in its expenditures in Mr. Peters' ward and around Mr. Peters' property. And yet the people of the first and second wards have borne this expense without a murmur. All of the expenses incidental to fixing the Exposition park and the streets around it and leading to it were borne by the people of the whole city; and when Peachtree was paved with asphalt and the other streets on that side of the city were improved, as they should have been, the people of the west side did not enter protest and notify those of the sixth ward that they did not know what they wanted.

Mr. Peters thinks that the property owners of Whitehall street do not know what they want, and that they will not give their consent to widening the street. Then would it not be manifestly proper for Mr. Peters to wait until the people of Whitehall street are heard from and have had opportunity to formally present their request to the council? Like Mayor Collier, Mr. Peters is too previous.

"It is impossible to make a Peachtree out of the residence section of Whitehall street," says Mayor Collier. I suppose this declaration is made on the principle that "it is impossible to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear." And yet the people of Whitehall street are not altogether bad. There are some very good citizens among them. They have always done their duty to the city, and, as stated in yesterday's Constitution, they have uncompromisingly borne their part of all expenditures for public improvement. Is it not right and just, therefore, that they should be given at least a fair hearing, and that the property owners of the street should be permitted to say whether or not they will contribute to the city, free of cost, enough of their frontage to widen the street as proposed.

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AFTER THE BALL  
THEY WERE TRIEDLively Sequel To the Bal Masque  
at the Park.

## TRIALS IN THE POLICE COURT

The Recorder Enters Heavy Fines,  
Amounting To \$403.

## MERRY MAKERS WITH WOEFUL FACES

The Recorder Says the Ball Was the  
Toughest Affair He Ever Invest-

igated—Makes Warm Talk.

Manager Sassen Is  
Arrested.

It was after the ball.

Sixteen of them stood in a half-moon

circle about the desk of the recorder yester-

day afternoon. They had been to the

ball at Piedmont exposition grounds. There

was total want of picturesque and gaudy

costumes, and the faces that had worn a

smile hidden behind the mask when the

revelry was at its height were now exposed

to public view with a sackcloth-and-ashes

aspect.

Nine men and seven women formed the

group about the recorder. The little woman

who had worn a pair of dazzling

fish-colored tights which were said to

have precipitated the raid by the police

Thursday night, was dressed in a plain

every day dress and a modest head-

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sented "Little Boopie" had neither crook

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